

News Release

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

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Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge will stay open all night on Monday, December 20, into the morning of Tuesday, December 21, in order to give visitors the opportunity to see the total lunar eclipse occurring early Tuesday morning.

This total lunar eclipse, the first in nearly three years, also falls on the night of a full moon and on the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Visitors will be able to access the beach parking area throughout the night in order to view this spectacular natural event in the total darkness of the Refuge.

The eclipse is expected to begin around 2am and conclude around 4am on Tuesday morning, as the full moon passes through the Earth's shadow.

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